

[Translation]

Decontrol of Coal

*606. SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to decontrol coal;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be decontrolled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI P. A. SANGMA):

(a) to (c). Under the existing provisions of Colliery Control Order, distribution of all coals, except those used for metallurgical purposes, is free from statutory controls. However, pithead prices of coal are fixed by the Government of India. Administrative control on distribution of coal exists, in the form of a system of consumer-wise allocation of coal by coal companies in accordance with the recommendations of concerned sponsoring authorities. Some coal is offered by the coal companies under "Liberalised Sale Scheme", without any sponsorship, to be transported by road. In allotment of railway wagons for movement of coal, inter-se priority between different consumers is observed, higher priority being accorded to core sectors like power, steel, etc.

A suggestion has been made that diversion of coal by sponsored consumers, who have obtained coal on priority, should be prohibited. This suggestion is under examination.

Development of N.C.R.

*608. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the amount allocated for the development of National Capital Region during the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) the details of the amount spent under this head by the Union Government and States during the above period;

(c) the details of the provisions/made for the development of this region during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(d) the details of the amount to be spent by the Union Government, States and Union Territory of Delhi out of the amount earmarked in the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(e) whether the Union Government have taken assurances from the concerned States that the full amount allocated will be spent during the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL): (a) The Ministry of Urban Development had allocated Rs. 35 crores in the Seventh Five Year Plan for various developmental works. Besides, the Planning Commission had allocated an amount of Rs. 30 crores to the participating States for undertaking the developmental works, within their respective states, in the National Capital Region.

(b) The amount spent on the development projects in the NCR by the Planning Board and the concerned State Governments during the Seventh Five Year Plan period is given in the enclosed statement.

(c) to (f). The Planning Commission have not yet finalised the allocations for the Board for the Eighth Five Year Plan and, as such requisite details are not available.